Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 20 May 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 21 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 20 May 2021 at 02:57 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled conditions on Thursday and Friday, then a better day on Saturday. Medium from Sunday.

Headline for Thursday 20 May 2021: Cloudy with showery rain. Summit snow. Cold and windy.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 20 May 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
10%	20%	40%	40%	70%	80%

Forecast for Thursday 20 May 2021

Weather: Mostly cloudy this morning with mainly light and patchy rain. The rain will become more persistent and occasionally heavy during this afternoon and evening, falling as sleet or wet snow over the highest summits.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30%

Visibility: Moderate in any rain and often poor or very poor at height and in drizzle. However, often good or very good lower down. Extensive cloud, typical bases 600 to 900m, but patches to 300m early and later in the day.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	17/21 SE	20/26 SE	27/36 SE	36/47 SE	39/50 SE	35/46 E	34/45 E
900	11/16 SE	19/26 SE	22/28 SE	32/41 SE	39/50 SE	29/38 E	29/39 NE
600	6/8 SE	9/15 SE	14/20 E	21/29 E	26/36 E	19/27 E	21/30 NE
300	3/6 NE	4/8 SE	11/21 E	10/23 E	11/25 E	11/25 E	12/26 NE
Glen	2/3 NE	4/9 E	7/19 E	7/19 E	6/20 E	5/20 E	5/20 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-0/-6	-1/-8	-0/-8	-1/-10	-1/-11	-2/-10	-1/-10
900	3/-1	3/-2	4/-2	3/-4	2/-6	2/-6	2/-5
600	5/2	6/3	6/2	6/1	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2
300	6/5	9/8	9/6	9/6	7/4	6/2	5/2
Glen	5/4	9/8	10/8	10/8	9/6	7/4	6/2
Freezing Level*	1300m	1300m	1300m	1200m	1100m	1100m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Temperatures around freezing over the highest summits with a significant wind chill and the risk of sleet and snow.

Forecast for Friday 21 May 2021
Weather: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain overnight and during the morning, persistent and heavy at times and wintry over the summits. Some drier and brighter conditions should develop in the afternoon and evening with cloud lifting near or above the summits, although still some showers around, again wintry over the summits. Feeling cold at height with a severe wind chill.

Maximum wind: Northeast 25 to 35mph gusting 50mph with a severe wind chill.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% becoming 70% through the afternoon and evening. Extensive cloud base around 600m, rising 900 to 1200m in the afternoon and evening.

Visibility: Moderate in rain or showers, otherwise good or very good lower down. Poor or very poor at first over the tops, but becoming good through the day.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5 rising to 10 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 2 to 4 Celsius
Freezing level: Around the summits.

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